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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/020,040 Confirmation No.: 8429
Applicant : Robert J. Crowley, et al.
Filing Date : October 18, 2001
Title : Systems and Methods for Processing Signals from an Interferometer by an Ultrasound
Group Art Unit : 2877
Examiner : Patrick J. Connolly
Docket No. : 701470.21
Customer No. : 34313

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application in connection with the Office Action dated June 14, 2004.

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 [fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)] for the total number of months checked below:

EXTENSION (months)	FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY	FEE FOR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$55.00	\$110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$210.00	\$420.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$475.00	\$950.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$740.00	\$1,480.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$1,005.00	\$2,010.00
	Fee	\$0.00

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.8, that I have reasonable basis to expect that this paper or fee (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) would be mailed or transmitted on or before the date indicated with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on the date shown below in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

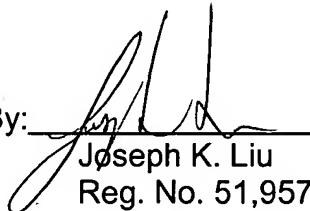
Fee Calculation: TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT: \$18.00

A. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 15-0665.
 Charge any additional fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 15-0665.

B. Payment Enclosed
 Check Credit Card Money Order Other

Total Claims	41	-	40	=	1	x	\$18.00	\$18.00
Independent Claims	4	-	4	=	0	x	\$86.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	\$290.00	(if applicable)						\$0.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS								\$18.00
Reduction by $\frac{1}{2}$ for Filing by Small Entity. Note 37 CFR §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28.								<input type="checkbox"/> \$0.00
Extension of Time (from above)								\$0.00
Assignment -- \$40 (if applicable)								<input type="checkbox"/> \$0.00
TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED HEREWITH								\$18.00

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: August 12, 2004

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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